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## ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY

ANNUAL REPORT

2007-2008



*And hold fast all together by the rope which  
Allah (stretches out for you) and be not  
Divided among yourselves (3:102)*

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ISCK General Body Meeting  
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## ISCK Vision Statement

“Provide leadership and services for the spiritual, moral and intellectual development of a united community and “To promote a positive image of Islam through active participation in local issues and by visible contribution to the well-being of our community.”

## ISCK Mission Statement

“Serve as an umbrella organization by promoting Islamic values and reflecting excellence in serving the needs of the community.”

## Who Does ISCK Represent?

### **ISCK Represents the Muslim of Central Kentucky**

ISCK represent you! ISCK represents you along with other several thousand Muslims living in Central Kentucky. The majority are students, professionals, and/or business owners.

### **We are a diverse and growing community**

In addition to growing population of native born Muslims, Central Kentucky is home to Muslim immigrants from all over the world, including: the Middle east, South Asia, Africa and most recently, the Balkans.

### **The Unique Character of our Community**

This diversity in background, languages, and culture give the Muslim community of Central Kentucky a unique character that symbolizes the universality of Islam.



## A Message from the President

Respected Brothers and Sisters,

Assalam Alaikum,

I am honored and humbled to present this Annual Report for 2008 of Islamic Society of Central Kentucky. It was made possible with the help of Allah, hard work of the board members and the tremendous support of our community.

I personally feel that actions speak louder than words, and throughout the term you have witnessed our actions. It was with your support and participation that all of the ISCK programs were not only very successful but became the trend setters. I thank Allah for his help and mercy, and thank you for your support and trust.

Central Kentucky is growing very fast and so is the Muslim community. This brings new challenges to the organizations that are beginning to take their shape. Like the other Muslim communities in North America, we are a very diverse group of people coming from different backgrounds and cultures. It is important to make sure that this diversity does not become a counterproductive force; on the contrary, we should utilize it as a human resource and build a healthy, strong and well connected community.

The ISCK's role is that of an umbrella organization that not only provides a platform for the different groups in this community, but also bridges gaps and unifies it.

Brothers and Sisters, I am humbly requesting you to please support this organization irrespective of your Masjid affiliation by becoming its member, donating generously or by just spreading the good word and even by remembering it in your prayers.

Join Hands With ISCK.

Jamil Azam Farooqui  
President, ISCK  
2007-2008

## ISCK Board Members 2007-2008

**President:** Dr. Jamil Farooqui

**Vice President:** Dr. Karim Rasheed

**Treasurer:** Mohammed Hassan, Ph.D.

**Secretary/MSA-UK Representative:** Somaya Malkawi

**Masjid Bilal Representative:** Akili Ujima

**Masjid Limestone Representative:** Khaled Sadek

**LUA Liaison:** Wafa Nashnoush

**Board Members:**

Haitham Issa

Dr. Farhad Karim

Omar Meriden

Sumedi P. Nugraha, Ph.D.

Amira Qureshi

Munir Salash

Waheedah Bagby

The ISCK Board consists of fourteen (14) members. Eleven (11) members are elected by the General Membership. The two (2) are masjid representatives (one from Masjid Bilal and one from Islamic Center of Lexington/Limestone), and one (1) member is the representative of the University of Kentucky Muslim Students' Association (MSA).

## ISCK Activities, 2007-2008

<b>Month</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>May, 2007</b>	<b>Participated in “Blue Grass Domestic Violence Training Program”</b> along with other faith based organizations. This was a full day training program attended by some of our Board Members.
<b>July–October 2007</b>	<b>Preparatory Classes/Halaqa was arranged in both Mosques.</b> This was organized to prepare children for Quran memorizing competition.
<b>August 2007</b>	<p><b>1. Annual Community Picnic: Joint venture with ICNA</b> ISCK has a tradition of organizing Annual community picnic. This year it was done with the help of ICNA, KY chapter. It was well attended and community member have enjoyed the food and games.</p> <p><b>2. Participated in Blood Drive</b> This is also a tradition of ISCK to participate in Blood drive; It was organized by Masjid Bilal.</p>
<b>September 2007</b>	<p><b>1. Participated in Roots and Heritage Festival; Down Town, Lexington</b> In partnership with Masjid Bilal, ISCK has participated in this festival. This was the first time that any Muslim organization has any booth in this festival. ICNA, was also the part of this project. Our booth was well attended. We distributed Free Water Bottles, Free copies of Quran translation, pen and other goodies. We were also doing free Blood Pressure check up and providing the educational material on health screening, like Breast Cancer, Smoking Cessation, Diabetes and High Cholesterol etc.</p> <p><b>2. Iftar Dinner</b> It was a very successful and well attended program. This was also covered by Lexington Herald.</p> <p><b>3. Helped MSA to organize a “Fast-o-thon program at UK.</b></p>
<b>October 2007</b>	<p><b>1. Eid-ul-Fitr:</b> Prayers were arranged at Blue Grass Ball Room, Convention Center.</p> <p><b>2. Zakat ul Fitr</b> collected and equally distributed between two Mosques.</p> <p><b>3. Eid-ul-Fitr Party</b> was arranged at Gatti Town. It was well attended by community families. All Children were free and children’s of ISCK Members got free game cards.</p> <p><b>4. Multi Faith Peace Walk:</b> ISCK Board Member participated in Peace Walk along with other faith based organizations for world peace and solidarity.</p>
<b>November 2007</b>	<p><b>Quran Memorizing Competition:</b> There were 36 participants divided in four age based groups. They were judged by two Judges. Total of \$1000.00 cash prizes and certificates were distributed among the winners in each group including the participants.</p>

## ISCK Activities, 2007-2008 (Continued)

<b>Month</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>December 2007</b>	<p><b>1. Eid Al Adha:</b> Prayers were arranged at Heritage Hall, Convention center.</p> <p><b>2. Udhiya collection and distribution:</b> Arrangements have been made by ISCK to collect and distribute Udhiya to the needy families.</p> <p><b>3. Eid Al Adha Party at Gatti Town:</b> Again it was a family evening. All children were free and member's children got free game cards.</p>
<b>January 2008</b>	<p><b>1. Hajji Welcome Dinner:</b> This was the first Hajji welcome dinner. Hujjaj have shared their Hajj experiences with the audience and there was Pin &amp; Certificate Distribution to the Hajjis.</p> <p><b>2. ISCK-LUA had a Combined Board Meeting to help LUA fundraising.</b></p>
<b>March 2008</b>	<p><b>Launching New and Improved Web Site:</b> This is one of the biggest and long awaited achievements of ISCK. This was achieved by long hours of work and efforts of Web Committee.</p>
<b>April 2008</b>	<p><b>Second Annual Dinner:</b> This was attended by more than 200 community members. There was community service award distribution ceremony, Quran competition prizes distribution and Key note speech.</p>

## Other Miscellaneous Activities

1. Established a separate Family Assistance Account and Committee for urgent financial family assistance.
2. Meeting with local government; Mayor Newberry.
3. Meeting with local Media; Herald Leader.
4. Introduced First Life time Achievement, community service Award.
5. Continued the tradition of Community Service Awards.
6. Cash prizes of \$1000/- for Quran competition winners and participants.
7. Participated in Interfaith programs.
8. Participated in the Dinner of Ex. Indian President.
9. Youth Activities arranged by Youth Committee

	Itemized	Source	Income	Expenses	
<b>Left from last year</b>	3700				
	<b>Income This year</b>	3275	membership		
		7452	Donations		
		4892	ATT rent		
		220	Quraan Registration		
		2300	Dinner Tickets and Don		
<b>Total Expenses this year</b>			21839		
	-1406	MSA			
	-1000	Iftar			
	-4700	Eid El-Fitr			
	-3700	Eid Al-Adha			
	-900	Quraan Halqa			
	-1020	Quraan Competition			
	-2912	Annual Dinner			
	-1810	Brochures and Flyers			
	-1135	Property Tax		-18583	
	<b>Net for Next year</b>		Around	\$3256	

Table 1: General Account

The Zakah account balance is \$2222, there is \$3000 loan in addition to this balance.